



Clovis Rodeo Association

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Dodds and Couto Win Clovis Jackpot Roping

(Clovis, California): Cole Dodds and Steve Couto won the Clovis Jackpot Roping today and not only took home custom made saddles but more importantly bragging rights. Each roper took home a custom made saddle proclaiming them as the 2011 Champions. The Clovis Rodeo Association hosted the annual roping as a part of the their month long Western Heritage celebration leading up to the 97th Annual Clovis Rodeo April 21-24.

Eleven (11) year old Cole Dodds of Sanger, California was the champion header in today's competition and Steve Couto of Kerman, California was the champion heeler. Upon winning, a very excited Cole Dodds made a point of saying, "I want to thank the Clovis Rodeo Association for holding this annual roping and my parents Brett and Mindy Dodds for helping me." Steve Couto also thanked the Clovis Rodeo Association and in true cowboy fashion said, "he also needed to thank his horse TT who performed better than he could of hoped for today."

Next up for rodeo month will be the Clovis Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, April 9; where local cowboys and cowgirls will compete using skills they use every day on their working cattle ranches. Teams of four cowboys or cowgirls will compete in roping, reigning, branding, doctoring, trail competitions and more using the same horse all day. The competition will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the rodeo grounds and is free to spectators.

The Clovis Rodeo officially opens on Thursday, April 21 with the return of the PBR Bull Riding Pro-Division Tour. On Friday, April 22 rodeo action will begin with some of the best cowboys and bucking stock in professional rodeo followed by a concert with rising country star Easton Corbin. Two days of rodeo action will continue through the weekend, along with the popular Clovis Rodeo parade on Saturday, April 23. Tickets are available by calling 559-299-5203, visiting www.clovisrodeo.com or stopping by the rodeo ticket office at the rodeo grounds; ticket office hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., with extended hours on Wednesdays until 7:00 p.m.

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The all-volunteer, non-for-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 700 members. Approximately \$150,000 in proceeds from the Clovis Rodeo and related events coordinated by CRA members benefit local charities annually, including 4-H, FFA, Clovis Schools, Clovis Police Activities League, California High School Rodeo Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Break the Barriers, Boy Scouts of America, Clovis